

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraphs 23 and 24 of the specification with the following amended paragraphs:

[0023] FIG. 5 illustrates a sectional perspective side view of the device of FIG. 1 in an open position; [[and]]

[0024] FIG. 6 illustrates a sectional elevation view of the device of FIG. 1 in a closed [[position.]] position;

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0024]:

FIG. 7 illustrates a top view of an alternative embodiment of a device in accordance with the present invention; and

FIG. 8 illustrates a top view of another alternative embodiment of a device in accordance with the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] Cap 36 is preferably integrally formed with cylindrical body 12 and is connected thereto by any suitable structure which may be a strand of flexible material 48 that is the same material as cylindrical body 12, as best illustrated in FIGS. [[1-6]] 1-8. Strand 48 is preferably attached to circumferential shoulder 26, as illustrated in the figures and permits cap 36 to be moved between open and closed positions. Additionally, strand 48 is connected to cylindrical body 12 at a predetermined location on the circumference of the cylindrical body 12 and preferably radially spaced about 120° from spout 31, as illustrated in FIG. 8, and more preferably about 180° from spout 31, but strand 48 may be radially spaced from air passageway 28 as desired. Preferably, strand 48 is of sufficient thickness, elasticity, and rigidity such that strand 48 is maintained in a position where strand 48 and cap 36 lie in a horizontal plane below the top horizontal extent of second cylindrical section 24, especially when pouring contents from a

bottle. Thus, when liquid is poured from a bottle, strand 48 and cap 36 will not hang in the path where liquid is being poured from the bottle.

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] Alternatively, strand 48 may be radially positioned about ~~[[900]]~~ 90° from spout 31, as illustrated in FIG. 7. By positioning of strand 48 at about 90° from spout 31, it is further ensured that strand 48 and cap 36 will not hang in the path where liquid is being poured from the bottle.